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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION APRIL 1987 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES IN MARCH

Unemployment in Texas dropped substantially between February and March, and the actual unemployment rate fell a full percentage point to 8.2 percent in mid-March. The number of jobless Texans decreased by 90,200 over the month, to 668,400 -- its lowest point since April 1986, when the rate was also 8.2 percent. Total employment edged downward by 29,300 in March, to 7,438,400, but was still 90,700 above the year-ago level.

The State's unemployment rate also declined sharply in the seasonally adjusted series, from 8.7 percent in February to 7.9 percent in March. The Nation's unemployment rates were virtually unchanged over the month, as the seasonally adjusted rate slid from 6.7 percent to 6.6 percent and the actual rate dropped from 7.2 percent to 6.9 percent in March.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	118,353.0	117,967.0	116,310.0
Unemployment	8,124.0	8,503.0	8,667.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	7.2	7.5
Total Employment	110,229.0	109,464.0	107,643.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	119,222.0	119,349.0	117,187.0
Unemployment	7,854.0	7,967.0	8,380.0
Percent Unemployed	6.6	6.7	7.2
Total Employment	111,368.0	111,382.0	108,807.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,106.8	8,226.3	8,024.8
Unemployment	668.4	758.6	677.1
Percent Unemployed	8.2	9.2	8.4
Total Employment	7,438.4	7,467.7	7,347.7
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,134.0	8,315.0	8,054.0
Unemployment	640.0	723.0	651.0
Percent Unemployed	7.9	8.7	8.1
Total Employment	7,494.0	7,592.0	7,403.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT SLUMPS

After a brief upturn in February, the Statewide count of nonfarm salaried jobs declined by 600 in March, to 6,475,500 -- 184,700 below the March 1986 level. The extent of the State's economic slump can be measured by the fact that only two major industry sectors have not lost employment over the past year; and only government (the most stable sector) has shown more than minimal growth. The over-the-month decreases were concentrated primarily in two nonmanufacturing sectors -- construction and trade, which together lost 6,000 jobs in March.

An estimated 3,700 jobs were deleted within construction in March, as more ongoing projects were completed and workers were released. This sector has declined by 94,000, or 20 percent, from its peak level in August 1984; and over two-thirds of that decrease has occurred in the past 12 months. Construction has now lost a larger number of jobs than any other industry sector between 1986 and 1987.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Mar.'87*	Feb.'87**	Mar.'86**	Mar.'87*	Feb.'87**	Mar.'86**	Mar.'87*	Feb.'87**	Mar.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	50,100	50,300	52,500	76,900	77,300	79,300	362,900	362,700	365,700
Manufacturing	4,700	4,800	5,300	9,800	9,700	9,700	39,600	39,400	40,800
Mining	2,200	2,200	3,200	1,300	1,300	1,600	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,700	3,900	4,000	4,200	21,100	21,300	25,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,600	2,600	5,500	5,800	6,100	11,400	11,400	11,100
Trade	14,200	14,200	14,300	22,600	22,600	23,100	80,100	80,100	81,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,400	4,400	4,400	25,500	25,500	25,100
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,300	13,400	16,100	16,100	16,000	83,800	83,700	83,000
Government	8,300	8,300	8,400	13,300	13,400	14,200	100,400	100,300	98,400
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	126,800	127,100	131,400	56,400	56,200	59,200	65,700	65,700	66,200
Manufacturing	23,900	24,000	25,600	15,200	15,200	16,200	9,500	9,600	9,600
Mining	1,600	1,700	2,200	1,300	1,300	2,000	100	100	100
Construction	7,600	7,600	8,000	5,600	5,500	6,100	2,700	2,700	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,500	9,700	10,200	2,200	2,200	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	31,200	31,200	32,200	11,000	10,800	11,500	17,700	17,800	18,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,400	5,500	2,000	1,900	2,200	3,400	3,300	3,500
Services & Misc.	27,400	27,400	27,600	7,700	7,700	7,900	13,700	13,600	13,300
Government	20,100	20,100	20,100	11,400	11,600	10,800	15,600	15,600	15,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	48,100	47,800	49,900	128,900	128,200	132,000	1,313.3	1,312.9	1,344.6
Manufacturing	2,800	2,800	3,400	11,900	11,800	12,400	222.4	222.2	229.9
Mining	700	800	1,000	6,000	6,000	7,000	19.1	19.0	23.0
Construction	2,100	2,000	2,500	7,600	7,700	9,100	67.0	67.8	87.3
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,200	7,200	7,400	86.0	86.0	86.3
Trade	10,900	10,900	11,000	34,000	33,800	34,000	352.8	352.8	356.3
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,900	6,900	6,800	6,800	130.9	131.2	132.5
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,700	8,100	28,000	27,600	27,700	285.3	284.1	287.0
Government	20,600	20,300	20,400	27,300	27,300	27,600	149.8	149.8	142.3
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	183,600	183,300	182,400	513,200	510,100	510,600	69,200	68,700	72,500
Manufacturing	34,400	34,100	35,800	113,200	111,900	113,800	9,000	9,000	9,700
Mining	100	200	200	3,400	3,400	4,100	400	400	600
Construction	9,700	9,700	9,900	30,300	29,400	32,800	3,800	4,000	6,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,700	9,800	9,900	27,300	27,100	26,000	4,600	4,600	5,000
Trade	45,100	44,800	44,300	134,600	134,900	135,500	13,300	13,100	13,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,800	9,800	9,500	28,400	28,400	28,100	4,400	4,400	4,500
Services & Misc.	35,100	35,000	33,900	111,900	111,100	106,700	12,900	12,500	12,500
Government	39,700	39,900	38,900	64,100	63,900	63,600	20,800	20,700	20,700

Job losses in wholesale and retail trade were not as widespread in March as in the past two months, but 2,300 positions were deleted over the month. The wholesale portion dropped by 700; and within retail trade, the major decline was in food stores, where cost-cutting measures implemented by management deleted 2,600 jobs. The other retail trade segment also declined by 1,100 in March. A seasonal upturn in eating and drinking places and minor gains in several other retail sectors were not large enough to nullify the larger job losses.

Two other nonmanufacturing sectors recorded small employment decreases in March -- transportation and public utilities dropped by 800 and mining lost 300 additional jobs. Within transportation and public utilities, the only increase was in transportation by air, which rose by 800. Moderate declines occurred in transportation, except railroads, and in electric, gas and sanitary services. Mining continued its relatively stable employment pattern of the past few months, with only 300 jobs lost in March.

Seasonal factors helped push employment up in services over the month, as the majority of the sectors added positions. The largest growth was in health services, where clinics and hospitals hired 1,400 workers. Hotels and other lodging places benefitted from warm weather which stimulated increased tourism, adding 1,100 jobs. The only downturn in services in March was in the education sector, where some employees were temporarily laid off during spring break.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Mar.'87*	Feb.'87**	Mar.'86**
HOUSTON 2/			
TOTAL	1,370.2	1,369.2	1,447.5
Manufacturing	147.5	147.5	162.4
Mining	62.5	62.7	79.6
Construction	83.5	83.7	99.7
Trans., Comm., & Util.	91.4	92.1	97.1
Trade	347.8	349.2	366.0
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	101.2	100.6	106.2
Services & Misc.	344.9	342.8	345.0
Government	191.4	190.6	191.5
LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			
TOTAL	64,500	64,600	67,200
Manufacturing	14,900	14,800	15,800
Mining	3,600	3,500	4,600
Construction	3,000	3,000	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,400
Trade	17,000	17,100	17,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,400	3,200
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,300	11,200
Government	8,400	8,400	8,300
MIDLAND			
TOTAL	44,000	44,200	48,000
Manufacturing	2,900	3,100	3,600
Mining	8,800	8,800	10,700
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,300	2,400
Trade	10,600	10,600	10,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,900	3,100
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,700	9,200
Government	6,300	6,300	6,300
SAN ANTONIO			
TOTAL	492,600	493,300	493,700
Manufacturing	45,300	45,900	48,900
Mining	2,600	2,600	3,000
Construction	31,200	31,700	37,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,100	18,200	19,100
Trade	129,700	129,400	127,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,100	38,900	38,000
Services & Misc.	116,600	116,700	112,800
Government	110,000	109,900	107,600
TYLER			
TOTAL	59,800	60,000	62,200
Manufacturing	10,900	11,000	11,700
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,400
Construction	2,600	2,600	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	3,000
Trade	16,000	16,100	16,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,700	3,800
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,200	13,100
Government	8,800	8,800	8,800
WICHITA FALLS			
TOTAL	50,200	50,100	50,900
Manufacturing	8,000	8,100	8,200
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,500
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700
Trade	12,400	12,300	12,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,200	11,000
Government	9,600	9,500	9,600

Industry	Mar.'87*	Feb.'87**	Mar.'86**
KILLEEN-TEMPLE			
TOTAL	67,600	67,800	67,900
Manufacturing	8,500	8,600	8,900
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,700	3,700	3,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,700	2,800
Trade	15,900	15,900	16,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	3,200
Services & Misc.	13,900	14,100	13,400
Government	19,700	19,700	19,700
LUBBOCK			
TOTAL	90,600	90,500	91,300
Manufacturing	7,300	7,200	7,400
Mining	300	300	400
Construction	3,200	3,100	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,500	4,500	4,700
Trade	27,400	27,600	27,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,500
Services & Misc.	20,700	20,800	19,900
Government	21,900	21,700	21,700
ODESSA			
TOTAL	43,500	43,500	49,100
Manufacturing	3,500	3,500	4,500
Mining	6,200	6,300	7,800
Construction	2,400	2,300	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,200
Trade	13,000	13,000	14,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	7,100	7,100	7,800
Government	7,700	7,600	7,700
SHERMAN-DENISON			
TOTAL	37,700	38,000	38,000
Manufacturing	11,100	11,000	11,800
Mining	100	100	200
Construction	1,800	1,800	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	1,900
Trade	8,600	8,800	8,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,300	1,400	1,300
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,600	7,600
Government	5,100	5,200	5,200
VICTORIA			
TOTAL	27,700	27,800	28,900
Manufacturing	2,900	3,000	2,900
Mining	1,700	1,800	2,400
Construction	1,900	1,900	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,400	1,500	1,600
Trade	7,800	7,700	8,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	6,000	6,000	5,800
Government	4,500	4,400	4,400

Industry	Mar.'87*	Feb.'87**	Mar.'86**
LAREDO			
TOTAL	34,900	34,700	35,000
Manufacturing	1,900	1,800	1,900
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	1,300	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,900	3,900	3,800
Trade	10,000	9,800	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	5,900	5,900	5,700
Government	8,400	8,400	8,300
MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			
TOTAL	88,200	88,300	87,700
Manufacturing	12,300	12,600	11,800
Mining	1,000	1,100	1,200
Construction	4,600	4,600	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,900	2,900
Trade	26,100	25,900	25,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,700	4,100
Services & Misc.	13,800	13,600	14,000
Government	23,900	23,900	23,200
SAN ANGELO			
TOTAL	36,800	37,000	37,700
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,600
Mining	600	600	800
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,400
Trade	9,300	9,400	9,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,500	7,700
Government	6,600	6,700	6,700
TEXARKANA			
TOTAL	44,600	44,500	44,700
Manufacturing	7,100	7,100	7,000
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	1,400	1,400	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	10,700	10,700	10,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,900
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,000	9,000
Government	12,600	12,600	12,300
WACO			
TOTAL	77,900	78,200	78,800
Manufacturing	14,500	14,800	16,200
Mining	100	100	200
Construction	3,800	3,800	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,400	3,400
Trade	19,300	19,200	18,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,900	4,800	4,700
Services & Misc.	19,600	19,700	19,200
Government	12,400	12,400	12,300

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Mar. 1987*	Feb. 1987**	Mar. 1986**	Change From Feb. 1987	Change From Mar. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,475,500	6,476,100	6,660,200	-600	-184,700
Manufacturing	943,800	942,500	972,700	1,300	-28,900
Durable Goods	545,200	542,900	566,300	2,300	-21,100
Lumber & Wood Products	36,600	36,500	37,900	100	-1,300
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,200	7,300	7,000	-100	200
Furniture & Fixtures	16,800	16,800	17,600	0	-800
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,000	44,200	49,000	-200	-5,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,500	19,600	22,500	-100	-3,000
Primary Metal Industries	27,800	27,700	31,000	100	-3,200
Fabricated Metal Industries	74,200	74,400	79,100	-200	-4,900
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,300	37,400	39,900	-100	-2,600
Machinery, Except Electrical	102,100	102,600	115,300	-500	-13,200
Oil Field Machinery	23,400	23,400	33,900	0	-10,500
Electric & Electronic Equipment	119,400	119,100	116,500	300	2,900
Transportation Equipment	89,400	86,800	83,400	2,600	6,000
Aircraft & Parts	51,400	51,000	43,700	400	7,700
Instruments & Related Products	22,000	22,000	23,200	0	-1,200
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,900	12,800	13,300	100	-400
Nondurable Goods	398,600	399,600	406,400	-1,000	-7,800
Food & Kindred Products	96,800	97,400	95,400	-600	1,400
Meat Products	27,100	27,100	26,300	0	800
Dairy Products	5,000	4,900	5,000	100	0
Bakery Products	11,000	11,100	10,800	-100	200
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
Textile Mill Products	4,100	4,100	4,600	0	-500
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	49,800	49,900	54,400	-100	-4,600
Paper & Allied Products	23,400	23,100	23,000	300	400
Printing & Publishing	77,100	77,000	77,300	100	-200
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	39,000	39,000	39,000	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,300	73,600	76,300	-300	-3,000
Petroleum & Coal Products	33,100	33,300	34,800	-200	-1,700
Petroleum Refining	29,800	30,000	31,500	-200	-1,700
Leather & Leather Products	7,000	7,100	7,400	-100	-400
Other Nondurable Goods	34,000	34,100	33,200	-100	800
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,531,700	5,533,600	5,687,500	-1,900	-155,800
Mining	189,700	190,000	232,100	-300	-42,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,400	10,400	10,800	0	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	179,300	179,600	221,300	-300	-42,000
Construction	370,100	373,800	431,400	-3,700	-61,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	375,100	375,900	374,400	-800	700
Railroad Transportation	20,500	20,500	22,400	0	-1,900
Transportation, Except Railroads	192,400	192,900	186,000	-500	6,400
Transportation by Air	53,900	53,100	46,500	800	7,400
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	85,800	85,800	88,100	0	-2,300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,400	76,700	77,900	-300	-1,500
Electric Services	42,500	42,600	42,900	-100	-400
Gas Production & Distribution	26,800	26,900	28,000	-100	-1,200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,645,300	1,647,600	1,680,600	-2,300	-35,300
Wholesale Trade	412,800	413,500	438,900	-700	-26,100
Retail Trade	1,232,500	1,234,100	1,241,700	-1,600	-9,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,200	43,700	52,100	500	-7,900
General Merchandise Stores	161,800	161,500	157,700	300	4,100
Food Stores	231,600	234,200	225,500	-2,600	6,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,800	132,000	137,500	-200	-5,700
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,400	80,100	83,300	300	-2,900
Eating & Drinking Places	396,800	395,600	393,700	1,200	3,100
Other Retail Trade	185,900	187,000	191,900	-1,100	-6,000
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	440,900	440,700	448,400	200	-7,500
Banking	98,000	98,300	105,900	-300	-7,900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	136,400	136,400	135,300	0	1,100
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	206,500	206,000	207,200	500	-700
Services	1,359,800	1,356,300	1,378,500	3,500	-18,700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	86,400	85,300	86,000	1,100	400
Personal Services	81,700	81,700	82,500	0	-800
Business & Repair Services	356,800	356,200	379,800	600	-23,000
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	48,400	48,000	51,000	400	-2,600
Health Services	380,400	379,000	366,500	1,400	13,900
Educational Services	72,400	73,100	72,100	-700	300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	333,700	333,000	340,600	700	-6,900
Total Government	1,150,800	1,149,300	1,142,100	1,500	8,700
Total Federal Government	192,200	191,900	193,500	300	-1,300
Total State Government	251,000	250,700	235,700	300	15,300
Total Local Government	707,600	706,700	712,900	900	-5,300

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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	Mar.'87*	Feb.'87**	Mar.'86**	Mar.'87*	Feb.'87**	Mar.'86**	Mar.'87*	Feb.'87**	Mar.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,900	55,800	55,600	97,600	99,100	97,600	431,700	436,200	417,300
Total Unemployment	4,600	5,200	4,600	5,900	6,800	6,500	25,900	28,300	23,000
Percent Unemployed	8.4	9.3	8.3	6.0	6.9	6.7	6.0	6.5	5.5
Total Employment 2/	50,300	50,600	51,000	91,700	92,300	91,100	405,800	407,900	394,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	157,700	161,000	161,900	79,300	80,600	80,000	93,200	95,600	95,500
Total Unemployment	19,300	21,800	23,600	7,400	8,600	8,200	12,800	15,000	16,500
Percent Unemployed	12.2	13.5	14.6	9.3	10.7	10.3	13.7	15.7	17.3
Total Employment 2/	138,400	139,200	138,300	71,900	72,000	71,800	80,400	80,600	79,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,100	57,400	57,300	165,400	167,500	162,500	1,404.9	1,420.5	1,379.3
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,500	3,500	18,700	21,400	17,700	80.9	89.3	73.8
Percent Unemployed	5.6	6.1	6.1	11.3	12.8	10.9	5.8	6.3	5.4
Total Employment 2/	53,900	53,900	53,800	146,700	146,100	144,800	1,324.0	1,331.2	1,305.5
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	224,300	228,200	217,200	660,900	668,500	631,300	104,300	105,900	106,600
Total Unemployment	22,800	26,100	24,600	41,700	49,000	37,200	10,700	12,000	11,600
Percent Unemployed	10.2	11.4	11.3	6.3	7.3	5.9	10.3	11.3	10.9
Total Employment 2/	201,500	202,100	192,600	619,200	619,500	594,100	93,600	93,900	95,000
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,570.7	1,596.0	1,606.0	89,000	90,400	86,200	45,000	46,300	43,900
Total Unemployment	141.8	161.2	148.6	6,500	7,300	6,500	7,300	8,600	7,700
Percent Unemployed	9.0	10.1	9.3	7.3	8.1	7.5	16.2	18.6	17.5
Total Employment 2/	1,428.9	1,434.8	1,457.4	82,500	83,100	79,700	37,700	37,700	36,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,200	80,300	79,800	110,100	111,500	107,600	143,200	148,900	144,600
Total Unemployment	8,100	9,400	9,200	6,600	7,300	7,500	25,800	30,500	31,600
Percent Unemployed	10.4	11.7	11.5	6.0	6.5	7.0	18.0	20.5	21.9
Total Employment 2/	70,100	70,900	70,600	103,500	104,200	100,100	117,400	118,400	113,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,300	51,300	52,400	56,700	58,100	59,700	45,300	46,000	45,000
Total Unemployment	4,700	5,400	4,300	7,200	8,500	6,200	2,800	3,100	3,000
Percent Unemployed	9.3	10.5	8.2	12.7	14.6	10.4	6.2	6.7	6.7
Total Employment 2/	45,600	45,900	48,100	49,500	49,600	53,500	42,500	42,900	42,000
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	587,200	595,300	562,500	48,400	49,300	46,800	56,000	56,800	56,100
Total Unemployment	44,700	48,800	38,100	3,700	4,100	3,100	4,800	5,200	5,500
Percent Unemployed	7.6	8.2	6.8	7.6	8.3	6.6	8.6	9.2	9.8
Total Employment 2/	542,500	546,500	524,400	44,700	45,200	43,700	51,200	51,600	50,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,100	77,500	74,900	37,500	38,100	37,400	91,500	92,800	88,700
Total Unemployment	6,400	8,100	6,100	3,400	3,900	3,400	6,900	7,300	6,300
Percent Unemployed	8.5	10.5	8.1	9.1	10.2	9.1	7.5	7.9	7.1
Total Employment 2/	68,700	69,400	68,800	34,100	34,200	34,000	84,600	85,500	82,400
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,800	57,700	56,000				8,106.8	8,226.3	8,024.8
Total Unemployment	4,400	5,100	4,600				668.4	758.6	677.1
Percent Unemployed	7.7	8.8	8.2				8.2	9.2	8.4
Total Employment 2/	52,400	52,600	51,400				7,438.4	7,467.7	7,347.7

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar.± 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar.± 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar.± 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 405.41	$ 401.14	$ 398.82	41.2	41.1	41.5	$ 9.84	$ 9.76	$ 9.61
Durable Goods	399.23	395.91	390.21	41.5	41.5	41.6	9.62	9.54	9.38
Lumber & Wood Products	283.03	282.98	283.32	40.9	40.6	41.3	6.92	6.97	6.86
Furniture & Fixtures	249.87	255.52	231.84	38.8	39.8	38.9	6.44	6.42	5.96
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	390.49	386.86	383.62	43.1	42.7	44.4	9.06	9.06	8.64
Primary Metal Industries	424.54	424.77	416.71	40.9	41.2	39.8	10.38	10.31	10.47
Fabricated Metal Products	365.16	367.02	361.01	40.8	41.1	40.7	8.95	8.93	8.87
Machinery, exc. Electric	411.67	412.27	412.51	40.8	40.9	41.5	10.09	10.08	9.94
Oil Field Machinery	476.01	481.60	476.54	39.9	40.0	40.8	11.93	12.04	11.68
Electric & Electronic Equip.	440.58	432.48	422.88	42.9	42.4	42.5	10.27	10.20	9.95
Transportation Equipment	531.05	522.87	514.53	43.0	43.5	41.9	12.35	12.02	12.28
Instruments & Related Prod.	361.67	345.93	348.94	40.5	39.9	41.1	8.93	8.67	8.49
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	251.84	255.83	250.13	37.7	37.9	38.6	6.68	6.75	6.48
Nondurable Goods	412.49	407.22	408.87	40.8	40.6	41.3	10.11	10.03	9.90
Food & Kindred Products	338.96	332.80	338.62	40.4	40.0	41.6	8.39	8.32	8.14
Meat Products	258.25	243.26	263.34	37.7	36.2	39.6	6.85	6.72	6.65
Malt Beverages	805.46	768.96	799.66	46.0	44.5	46.6	17.51	17.28	17.16
Textile Mill Products	323.81	319.41	300.84	45.8	45.5	43.1	7.07	7.02	6.98
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	185.50	190.41	188.34	35.0	36.2	36.5	5.30	5.26	5.16
Paper & Allied Products	452.40	456.68	457.98	42.8	42.8	43.7	10.57	10.67	10.48
Printing & Publishing	378.88	381.02	395.04	39.1	39.2	40.6	9.69	9.72	9.73
Chemicals & Allied Products	652.96	641.13	623.34	43.3	42.6	42.9	15.08	15.05	14.53
Petroleum & Coal Products	665.76	649.47	681.58	43.4	42.7	44.9	15.34	15.21	15.18
Petroleum Refining	691.65	674.96	709.87	43.5	42.8	45.1	15.90	15.77	15.74
Leather & Leather Products	216.66	207.90	213.07	39.9	38.5	38.6	5.43	5.40	5.52
Other Nondurable Goods	392.90	384.95	380.46	44.8	44.4	42.7	8.77	8.67	8.91
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	471.55	466.76	511.27	40.2	40.1	43.0	11.73	11.64	11.89
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	535.24	501.90	412.15	43.8	42.0	37.4	12.22	11.95	11.02
Oil & Gas Extraction	467.60	463.64	517.00	40.0	39.9	43.3	11.69	11.62	11.94
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	480.32	477.53	470.83	39.5	39.4	39.4	12.16	12.12	11.95
Elec., Gas & San. Services	425.09	424.21	465.23	38.4	38.6	39.9	11.07	10.99	11.66
Wholesale & Retail Trade	223.87	222.22	227.45	31.8	31.7	32.4	7.04	7.01	7.02
Wholesale Trade	383.38	380.25	383.60	39.2	39.0	40.0	9.78	9.75	9.59
Retail Trade	175.53	174.35	176.11	29.6	29.5	29.9	5.93	5.91	5.89
General Merchandise Stores	182.84	173.60	181.54	28.0	27.6	29.0	6.53	6.29	6.26
Banking	262.81	264.24	273.39	36.3	36.7	39.0	7.24	7.20	7.01

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 401.52	$ 395.62	$ 396.16	42.0	41.6	42.1	$ 9.56	$ 9.51	$ 9.41
Durable Goods	432.98	425.04	417.36	42.7	42.0	42.2	10.14	10.12	9.89
Nondurable Goods	348.84	347.65	361.64	40.8	40.9	42.1	8.55	8.50	8.59
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	411.52	421.03	399.19	41.4	42.4	41.8	9.94	9.93	9.55
Durable Goods	429.32	445.65	414.24	41.4	43.1	41.8	10.37	10.34	9.91
Nondurable Goods	363.85	359.79	357.34	41.3	40.7	41.6	8.81	8.84	8.59
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	482.03	480.82	468.44	43.0	43.2	41.9	11.21	11.13	11.18
Durable Goods	407.04	411.20	398.78	42.4	42.7	40.9	9.60	9.63	9.75
Nondurable Goods	569.40	561.52	557.28	43.8	43.8	43.2	13.00	12.82	12.90
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	311.67	308.84	304.30	41.5	41.4	41.8	7.51	7.46	7.28
Durable Goods	331.89	334.46	321.64	39.7	40.2	42.1	8.36	8.32	7.64
Nondurable Goods	291.36	283.48	287.18	43.1	42.5	41.5	6.76	6.67	6.92

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

All three sectors of government recorded minor gains in March, raising employment in this group by 1,500. The largest of the increases were in local government, where student and temporary workers were hired. The only other growth in nonmanufacturing was in finance, insurance and real estate, which rose 200 over the month. A developing "buyers market" helped push employment up by 500 in the real estate portion of other finance, insurance and real estate; but this increase was partially offset by a small decline in banking.

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Manufacturing continued its slow but steady upturn in March, gaining 1,300 jobs. All of the growth was concentrated in durable goods, which rose by 2,300, fueled by a large increase in transportation equipment. This industry added 2,600 jobs as a major employer in motor vehicles and parts recalled one shift of laid-off workers in March. Other gains and losses in durable goods were very moderate. Nondurable goods dropped 1,000 jobs in March, as most sectors reported downturns. The largest decrease was in food and kindred products, which lost 600 jobs as activity in preserved fruits and vegetables declined. More moderate losses were recorded in chemicals and allied products and in petroleum and coal products. The only employment increase in nondurable goods was in paper and allied products, which gained 300 jobs in March.

HOURS AND EARNINGS RISE

The number of manufacturing production workers in Teas rose by 1,400 over the month, to 605,700 in mid-March. The average production worker in March was working a 41.2-hour week at $9.84 per hour and averaging $405.41 per week. The number of hours worked per week rose by 0.1 hour over the month, while average hourly earnings increased by 8¢, pushing average weekly earnings up by $4.27. Compared to a year earlier, average weekly hours were down 0.3 hour, but average hourly earnings had risen 23¢, boosting weekly earnings by $6.59.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
First Quarter 1987
(January-March 1987)

Abilene	$ 2,045,043
Amarillo	2,697,761
Austin	14,022,750
Beaumont-Port Arthur	9,242,112
Brazoria PMSA	3,741,906
Brownsville-Harlingen	4,528,746
Bryan-College Station	1,498,094
Corpus Christi	8,522,288
Dallas PMSA	43,133,941
El Paso	7,677,018
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	23,083,140
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	4,898,825
Houston PMSA	73,450,701
Killeen-Temple	2,151,889
Laredo	2,222,773
Longview-Marshall	3,584,110
Lubbock	2,382,517
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	6,024,550
Midland	2,422,913
Odessa	3,687,043
San Angelo	1,250,864
San Antonio	20,090,913
Sherman-Denison	1,839,706
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	1,096,366
Tyler	3,464,255
Victoria	1,673,469
Waco	3,196,876
Wichita Falls	2,400,313
State of Texas	308,410,958

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1986
Total Population	16,886,400	16,576,700*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.8	2.1
UI Covered Employers	312,260	313,025
Total Claims Actions	870,400	683,979
Total Initial Claims Actions	81,686	85,162
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	788,714	598,817
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$156.77	$153.60
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$109,652,093	$78,337,934
Total Placements	26,004	29,925

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